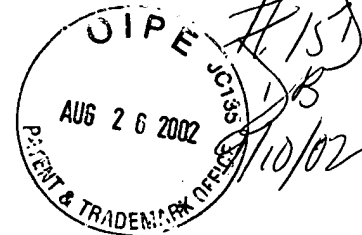




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RESPONSE

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed February 25, 2002 in which provisionally elected claims 11-13, 15-17, 24-26, 28 and 31 were rejected and provisionally elected claims 23 and 27 were allowed. Withdrawal of the rejections is requested.

SPECIFICATION

Please replace the previously submitted Sequence Listing with the Sequence Listing attached hereto.

AMENDMENT

Please amend the application as follows:

In the claims:

Please cancel Claims 1-44 without prejudice.

Please add the following claims:

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